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AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO LEND CERTAIN ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT, AND PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA FOR USE AT THE THIRD NATIONAL JAMBOREE FOR THE BOY SCOUTS

MAY 1, 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3100]

The Committee on Armed Services, having had under consideration the question of authorizing the loan of certain military equipment to the Boy Scouts of America, report the following bill (S. 3100) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend certain Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment, and provide certain services to the Boy Scouts of America for use at the Third National Jamboree for the Boy Scouts, and for other purposes, and recommend that it do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend certain Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment, and provide certain services to the Boy Scouts of America for use at the Third National Jamboree to be held at Irvine Ranch, Irvine, Orange County, Calif., during the period June–July 1953.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

It was the custom prior to World War II to assist the Boy Scouts in connection with their annual jamboree by loaning them the necessary camping, messing, refrigeration, and medical equipment needed at the site of the encampment.

This custom was reinstituted after World War II by act of April 14, 1947, which authorized the Secretary of War to lend War Department equipment to the Boy Scouts of America in connection with the World

Jamboree of Boy Scouts to be held in France during 1947. Similarly the act of October 5, 1949, authorized the loan of military property to the Boy Scouts for use at the Second National Jamboree held at Valley Forge Park, Pa., during June 30–July 6, 1950.

The provisions of this latter act are identical with those contained in the present bill excepting for the dates and other minor changes.

It will be noted that the equipment and services to be furnished must be agreed upon by the Secretary of Defense and the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, and that no expense shall be incurred by the United States Government for delivery, return, rehabilitation or replacement of any equipment which is furnished. The bill also requires that the Secretary of Defense take from the Boy Scouts of America an appropriate bond for the safe return of such property as is loaned.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS

The original recommendation for the proposed legislation emanated from the senior Senator from Minnesota, Mr. Thye, and the senior Senator from Alabama, Mr. Hill. The Department of the Army concurred in the original recommendations but recommended some slight changes. These changes have been made in the bill as reported and are acceptable to the original sponsors of the legislation, as is indicated by the following letters from the Secretary of Defense, and from the senior Senator from Minnesota.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY,
Washington 25, D. C., March 20, 1952.

Hon. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR RUSSELL: Reference is made to your request to the Secretary of Defense for the views of the Department of Defense with respect to S. 2483, Eighty-second Congress, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend certain Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment, and provide certain services to the Boy Scouts of America for use at the Third National Jamboree for the Boy Scouts, and for other purposes. The Secretary of Defense has delegated to the Department of the Army the responsibility for expressing the views of the Department of Defense thereon.

The Department of the Army, on behalf of the Department of Defense, has no objection to the passage of this legislation.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend to the Boy Scouts of America equipment such as tents, cots, blankets, commissary equipment, flags and refrigerators, and to provide such services as may be necessary or useful, to the Boy Scouts during their third national jamboree to be held during June and July 1953 and any world jamborees in which contingents of the Boy Scouts of America may participate during 1954 and 1955.

It is noted that no site for the national jamboree or for the world jamborees has been named in the bill although previous bills have named the sites involved. It is believed that the Congress would like to know the exact sites before passing on the legislation. If any of the sites to be selected are located outside the continental limits of the United States, the supply problem will be rendered more difficult and considerable lead time will have to be allowed for the rendition of any services to be rendered.

It is recommended that the last sentence in subsection (b), page 2 of the bill reading "No expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery and return of such equipment" be revised to read "No expense shall be incurred by the United States Government for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of such equipment."

Should the legislation be enacted, the Secretary of Defense will designate one of the military departments to cooperate with the national council of Boy Scouts of America in planning for the loan of the equipment.

The Department of Defense is unable to determine the fiscal effect of this proposed legislation.

This report has been coordinated among the departments and boards in the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK PACE, Jr.,
Secretary of the Army.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, D. C., April 23, 1952.

Hon. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR RUSSELL: This is to advise you that I have examined H. R. 7344 and have compared it with S. 2483, which Senator Hill and I have introduced, and that I have no objection to the substitution of the language of H. R. 7344 as a committee amendment to S. 2483. I believe this will expedite consideration of the bill and remove any possible differences over the provisions of this measure to permit the loaning of military equipment to the Boy Scouts of America for the third national jamboree.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. THYE, *United States Senator.*

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